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U.S. National Stage Appl'n No. 10/507,322
PCT/GB03/01014
IA Filed: March 11, 2003
Title: Absorbent Hydrogels
Inventor: Hugh MUNRO et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Receiving Office in connection with the above U.S. national stage patent application.

1. Response to Notification of Missing Requirements (2 pages)
2. Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements (2 pages)
3. Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time (1 page)
4. Request for Correction of Entity Status (1 page)

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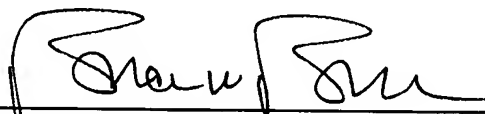
5. Declaration/Power of Attorney (3 pages)
6. Assignment Document and Assignment Recordation Form Coversheet (3 pages)
7. Check No. 2496 in the amount of \$680 (\$130 Late Declaration Surcharge Fee, \$510 Petition for Extension of Time Fee, and \$40 Assignment Recordation Fee).

Please direct all telephone calls to Applicant's undersigned counsel at 703.917.0000, Ext. 107.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 50-2961.

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Hugh MUNRO et al.)
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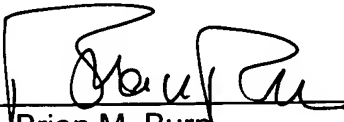
CORRECTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

The Notification of Missing Requirements incorrectly indicates that Applicants claimed small entity status. Applicants never made such a claim, and are not currently entitled to small entity status. Kindly make the appropriate correction in PTO records.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONFIRMATION NO. 4121
371 FORMALITIES LETTER



Date Mailed: 01/24/2005

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/10/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/10/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/10/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/10/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/10/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 09/10/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371

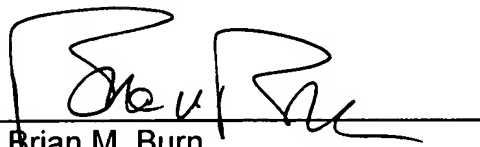
In response to the communication of January 24, 2005, Applicants submit a Declaration/Power of Attorney, the \$130 late oath or declaration surcharge, a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements, and a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time.

Please associate the enclosed with the application, grant any extensions of time required to enter this response, and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 50-2961.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 21, 2005

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian M. Burn", is written over a horizontal line.

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